



Learning Pathway: Influential Women and Women's History/Herstory

In this Influential Women Learning Pathway, you will find four digital choice boards: Women's History Month; Influential Women in History; U.S. Women and the Wars; and Women Discoverers in STEM. There are also links to learning activities in the Building Democracy for All eBook that focus directly on women's roles and experiences in government and society.

Building Democracy For All is designed so that teachers and students can follow different learning pathways as they explore the material in the book. Rather than proceeding sequentially through curriculum standards, the learning pathways invite a thematic approach. Other learning pathways include: [Black Lives Matter](#), [Student Rights](#), [Election 2020](#), [Media Literacy](#), and [Current Events](#).

Women's History Month Choice Board

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<p>The Lowell Mill Girls Design an interactive digital story about the mill girls and their struggle for rights and wages</p> 	<p>Clara Lemlich and the Uprising of the 20,000 Write a bill to improve working conditions in an industry</p> 	<p>Frances Perkins and Social Security Write a bill to alleviate conditions of poverty for all</p> 	<p>Elizabeth Magie and the Game of Monopoly Design a new game about influential women in history to be played online or with hands-on materials</p> 
<p>Women in STEM Design a 3D artifact to celebrate the accomplishments of each of the following math/science pioneers:</p> <p>Clara Barton Alice Guy-Blache Grace Hopper Rosalind Franklin Mae Jemison</p> 	<p>Women's History Month Choice Board</p> 		<p>Women and the Vote Write a script for a TV show or podcast about how the women listed below influenced life as we know it today.</p> <p>Lucy Stone Alice Paul Helen Keller Ida B. Wells Stacey Abrams</p> 
<p>Nellie Bly (Elizabeth Cochrane) Investigate an issue as a journalist and design a newspaper or video to share your findings</p> 	<p>Rachel Carson Design a social media campaign to inspire people to save the environment</p> 	<p>Women and Space Create an edible book contest entry about Sally Ride</p> 	<p>Influential Women in U.S. History Choose Your Own Women's History Adventure in this Slideshow</p> 


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Influential Women in History Choice Board (Interactive Slides)


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Women in Science and Technology (II)

 View slideshow for [30 Women in Science: Have Your Heard Their Stories](#).

 Create [3D digital artifacts](#) to represent the achievements of 3 or more of the following women scientists: [Mary Anning](#), [Rosalind Franklin](#), [Beatrix Potter](#), [Marie Curie](#), [Barbara McClintock](#), [Ada Lovelace](#), & [Hedy Lamarr](#).



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[U.S. Women and the Wars Choice Board](#)

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Revolutionaries Write a children's book about women who played a role in the American Revolution and how their actions influenced present-day society. 	Nurses and Doctors Write a proposal for Clara Barton to be featured on U.S. Currency . 	Women Soldiers Design an editorial cartoon about women in the American War in Vietnam . 	Native Leaders Write a script for a Hollywood movie that features the influence of Awashonks, Weematoos and Quiaiaapen on King Philip's War . 
Women's Army Corps Create an interactive map or StoryMap featuring the heroic work of the 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion . 	U.S. Women and the Wars Hidden Histories, Untold Stories, and Gender Studies from the Homefront to the Battlefield Resources Women during American Revolutionary War Women and the Civil War Women in World War I Women in World War II Women in The Cold War and the Space Race Women in American War in Vietnam Building Democracy for All , by Robert Maloy & Torrey Trust and Women and the Wars by Elizabeth Lownds and Robert Maloy explore many of these topics.		War Correspondents Create an interactive digital story about Nellie Bly and other women reporting from the front lines of war. 
Spies and Espionage Design a TV or podcast series about Anna Strong , Mary Bowser , Claire Phillips and/or other women in espionage. 	Women in World War I Design a Google Doodle about a woman who had an influential impact on World War I (see example Doodle for Nellie Bly). 	Women in World War II Build a 3D monument - either with materials at home or using a 3D modeling tool (e.g., Tinkercad) - for an influential woman in World War II. 	Peace Activists Code a story with Scratch , Pencil Code , or Snap about Jeanette Rankin who worked for peace during war. 

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Women Discoverers: A STEM Digital Choice Board

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Women Discoverers: A STEM History Digital Choice Board

Directions: Complete at least 3 activities in the choice board, then design a digital, physical, or board game to educate younger students about [Chicana/Latina women in STEM](#) or one of the following math/science pioneers: [Clara Barton](#), [Alice Guy-Blache](#), [Rosalind Franklin](#), or [Marie Curie](#)

<p>Chien-Shiung Wu</p> <p>Explore this Google Arts & Culture interactive story about Wu, then design a social media campaign or write a proposal to encourage potential nominators to nominate Wu for a Nobel Prize.</p> 	<p>Mae Jemison</p> <p>Write a tweet about Mae Jemison's impact on women in STEM today and then tag Mae Jemison in the tweet.</p> 	<p>Jane Goodall</p> <p>Create an adlibit book context entry for one of Jane Goodall's books.</p> 	<p>The Mercury 13</p> <p>Design a Google Doodle about the Mercury 13 and their impact on women in space today (see example Doodle for Caroline Herschel).</p> 
<p>Katherine Johnson</p> <p>Design a podcast series about The Real Women Behind the Hidden Figures Movie and their accomplishments in the Space Race.</p> 	<p>Sally Ride</p> <p>Write a children's book about Sally Ride's influence on women in space today.</p> 	<p>Rachel Carson</p> <p>Design a social media campaign to inspire people to save the environment.</p> 	<p>Grace Hopper</p> <p>Code a story with Scratch, Pencil Code, or Snap about Grace Hopper.</p> 
<p>Mary Anning</p> <p>Explore paleontology sites and then design a replica of one using an augmented reality app (e.g., Sandbox AR) or Minecraft.</p> 	<p>Emmy Noether</p> <p>Design an interactive timeline (Sutori, Canva Timeline JS) that showcases Dr. Noether's influence on the past, present, and future of STEM.</p> 	<p>Caroline Herschel</p> <p>Be like astronomer Caroline Herschel and participate in a Citizen Science Project for NASA.</p> 	<p>Elizbeth Smith Friedman</p> <p>Write a script for a TED Talk about Friedman's accomplishments as America's 1st female cryptanalyst.</p> 

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Women in Sports Herstories Digital Choice Board

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Tennis HOF Design Althea Gibson's plaque for the International Tennis Hall of Fame, with 10 or more of her achievements in 100 words. 	Women in the LPGA Using cardboard and recyclables, design a hole for a mini golf course that represents the accomplishments of one of the founding members of the Ladies Pro Golf Association . 	Babe Zaharias Draw and write pages for a children's book about Babe Didrikson Zaharias 's achievements in sports. 	Title IX Create a timeline of gender equity changes in sports since the passage of Title IX legislation in 1970. 
Women's World Cup Investigate the results of women's world cup tournaments from pre-1991 to 2024 – look at countries that won and analyze why they did (e.g., did they put more money into women's sports?). Present your results as a news broadcast. 	Women in Sports Herstories Digital Choice Board  Florida State College for Women baseball team (1928) <small>This Digital Choice Board was researched and designed by students in Education 4971 at the University of Massachusetts Amherst during the Spring 2023 semester.</small>		AAGPBL Build a monument with physical materials or a 3D digital modeling tool for an influential player or team in the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League . 
Sue Sally Hale and Women's Polo Read about women in Polo and create a collection of media (podcasts, images, videos) to increase the representation of women's coverage in that sport. 	WNBA Create a chart comparing ten highest paying NBA and WNBA players , then write a letter to your local newspaper about your thoughts on pay gaps in women's sports. 	Women in Racing Sketch a race car design that highlights the accomplishments of a female racing pioneer . 	Mixed Gender Sports Develop a media campaign (videos, social media posts, ads) that highlights the history of female athletes in mixed gender sports . 

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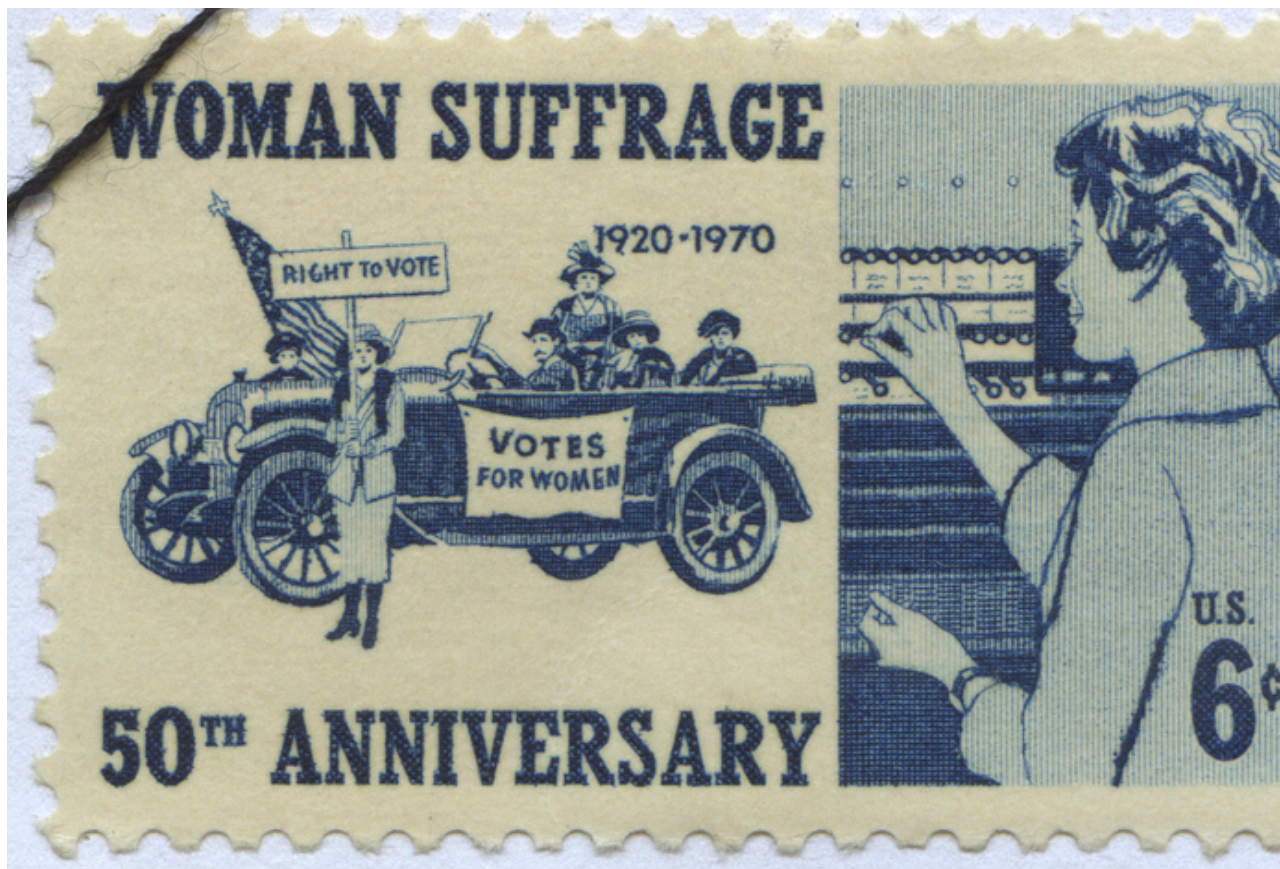
Building Democracy for All Chapters

Topic 1: The Philosophical Foundations of the United States Political System

- [Standard 3: UNCOVER: Mary Wollstonecraft, Olympe de Gouges, and the Rights of Women](#)
- [Standard 3: ENGAGE: Who Were the History's Important Women Change-Makers in Math, Science, and Politics?](#)
- [Standard 4: UNCOVER: Anne Hutchinson and Women's Roles in Colonial America](#)

Topic 2: The Development of United States Government

- [Standard 1: INVESTIGATE: The Seneca Falls Convention and the Declaration of Sentiments](#)
- [Standard 1: UNCOVER: Eleanor Roosevelt and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights](#)
- [Standard 4: UNCOVER: Abigail Adams, Mercy Otis Warren and the Political Roles for Women](#)



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Topic 3: Institutions of United States Government

- [Standard 1: UNCOVER: Shirley Chisholm, African American Presidential Candidate](#)
- [Standard 3: ENGAGE: Can a Woman Be Elected President or Vice-President of the United States?](#)
- [Standard 3: UNCOVER: Electing LGBTQIA Legislators](#)

Topic 4: The Rights and Responsibilities of Citizens

- [Standard 3: UNCOVER: Women's Political Participation Around the World](#)
- [Standard 7: INVESTIGATE: Frances Perkins and Margaret Sanger](#)
- [Standard 10: INVESTIGATE: The Women's Rights Movement](#)
- [Standard 10: UNCOVER: Queen Liliuokalani and the American Annexation of Hawaii](#)
- [Standard 11: INVESTIGATE: Cesar Chavez, Dolores Huerta, and the Delano Grape Strike and Boycott](#)
- [Standard 11: UNCOVER: Claudette Colvin and *Browder v. Gayle*](#)
- [Standard 12: UNCOVER: Mother Jones and the March of the Mill Children](#)

Topic 5: The Constitution, Amendments, and Supreme Court Decisions

- [Standard 2: UNCOVER: Alice Paul and the Equal Rights Movement](#)
- [Standard 3: UNCOVER: Harriet Tubman and the Underground Railroad](#)
- [Standard 4: INVESTIGATE: Gender - Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972](#)
- [Standard 4: UNCOVER: Helen Keller, Author and Political Activist](#)
- [Standard 4: ENGAGE: When Can Girls and Boys Compete Together in Athletic Events?](#)
- [Standard 6: INVESTIGATE: Due Process and Equal Protection: *Mendez v. Westminster* \(1947\).](#)



["Bring U.S. Together. Vote Chisholm 1972"](#)

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Topic 6: The Structure of Massachusetts State and Local Government

- [Standard 4: UNCOVER: Marriage Equality Court Cases](#)
- [Standard 6: UNCOVER: Gender-Inclusive Language in State Constitutions and Laws](#)
- [Standard 8: ENGAGE: What Else Besides Equal Pay Laws is Needed to Eliminate Gender Gaps in Wages and Jobs?](#)

Topic 7: Freedom of the Press and News/Media Literacy

- [Standard 2: UNCOVER: Nellie Bly, Ida Tarbell, and Rachel Carson](#)
- [Standard 3: UNCOVER: Pioneering Women Cartoonists: Jackie Ormes and Dale Messick](#)
- [Standard 3: ENGAGE: Women War Correspondents](#)

Bonus Resources:

In addition to material on this site, you can explore women's history further in a proposed AP curriculum for [Women's History in High School](#) developed by educators Kristen Kelly and Serene Williams.

Additional connections:

- [Women and the American Story](#) from the New York Historical Society Library and Museum is a wide-ranging resource for understanding the history of women in the United States.
- [Best Women's History Month Lessons and Activities](#)
- [Women's History Month Resources 2022](#)
- [This 33-Year-old Made More than 1000 Wikipedia Bios for Unknown Women Scientists.](#)



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